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Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner Scott D. Long	Art Unit 1633

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The amendment document filed on 05 November 2007 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121 or 1.4. In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following item(s) is required.

THE FOLLOWING MARKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT:

- 1. Amendments to the specification:
 - A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings.
 - B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined.
 - C. Other _____.
- 2. Abstract:
 - A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72.
 - B. Other _____.
- 3. Amendments to the drawings:
 - A. The drawings are not properly identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet," "New Sheet," or "Annotated Sheet" as required by 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 - B. The practice of submitting proposed drawing correction has been eliminated. Replacement drawings showing amended figures, without markings, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 are required.
 - C. Other _____.
- 4. Amendments to the claims:
 - A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present.
 - B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims)
 - C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified. Note: the status of every claim must be indicated after its claim number by using one of the following status identifiers: (Original), (Currently amended), (Canceled), (Previously presented), (New), (Not entered), (Withdrawn) and (Withdrawn-currently amended).
 - D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.
 - E. Other: See Continuation Sheet.
- 5. Other (e.g., the amendment is unsigned or not signed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.4):

For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP § 714.

TIME PERIODS FOR FILING A REPLY TO THIS NOTICE:

1. Applicant is given **no new time period** if the non-compliant amendment is an after-final amendment or an amendment filed after allowance. If applicant wishes to resubmit the non-compliant after-final amendment with corrections, the **entire corrected amendment** must be resubmitted.
2. Applicant is given **one month**, or thirty (30) days, whichever is longer, from the mail date of this notice to supply the correction, if the non-compliant amendment is one of the following: a preliminary amendment, a non-final amendment (including a submission for a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114), a supplemental amendment filed within a suspension period under 37 CFR 1.103(a) or (c), and an amendment filed in response to a Quayle action. If any of above boxes 1. to 4. are checked, the correction required is only the **corrected section** of the non-compliant amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121.

Extensions of time are available under 37 CFR 1.136(a) **only** if the non-compliant amendment is a non-final amendment or an amendment filed in response to a Quayle action.

Failure to timely respond to this notice will result in:

Abandonment of the application if the non-compliant amendment is a non-final amendment or an amendment filed in response to a Quayle action; or

Non-entry of the amendment if the non-compliant amendment is a preliminary amendment or supplemental amendment.

Continuation of 4(e) Other:

The proposed amendments have essentially shifted the invention to that of an unelected group. The Office does not generally permit shift to claiming another invention after an election is once made and action given on the elected subject matter. See MPEP 919 [R-3].

The proposed amendments have incorporated all of the method steps of Group I (Method for preparation of evolved microorganisms) into the elected claims of Group II (A Method for the preparation of an evolved protein). Originally presented claim 11 is a product-by-process claim in which an evolved microorganism is the product produced by the method of claim 1. The elected group II (claims 13-14) is directed to "A method for the preparation of an evolved protein, wherein the evolved microorganism according to claim 11 is cultivated in a culture medium appropriate for the production of the evolved protein." It was clear from the originally presented claims, that Group II could use any "evolved microorganism," rather than only a microorganism made through the process of claim 1. Since the evolved microorganism of originally presented claim 11 would inherently produce an evolved protein, the examiner does not believe incorporation of the steps of claim 1 into newly amended claim 13 and the addition of "wherein the evolved microorganism produces an evolved protein," makes this claim substantially different from originally presented claim 1. Therefore, the examiner believes the amended claims are in fact, a shift of invention to a non-elected group.

For this reason, the examiner concludes that the amendment was non-compliant.

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